Hardware is fairly fussy; everything has to be "just so", or a program, whether on disk or tape, may not load. The following tips have been included to help eliminate the minor yet frustrating problems that occur with the use of disk drives and datasettes.

**Regarding Disk Drives . . .**

- The disk drive must be securely connected to the computer *and* an electrical outlet.
- Remember to turn the drive on with the on/off switch at the back of the unit.
- When loading, type the LOAD statement carefully, with all commas, spaces and quotation marks exactly as needed.
- If you are unsuccessful at loading and the drive light flashes on and off, turn the disk drive off, then on again and re-enter the LOAD statement.
- Only save information to *formatted* or *initialized* disks. Refer to the disk drive user's manual for the correct procedure or use a utility program that formats blank disks for storage of data.

**Regarding Datasettes (cassette tape players) . . .**

- With the computer, TV and datasette connected and turned on, rewind the cassette in the datasette.
- Carefully enter the LOAD statement, press **RETURN** and then press **PLAY** on the datasette.
- If your program will not load on the datasette, try any of the following tips:
  - Place the datasette as far as possible from the TV and the power supply to reduce interference.
  - Just after pressing PLAY on the datasette, turn the TV off. Turn it on when the loading stops, i.e. the tape stops turning.
  - Lean gently on the datasette door top align the tape.
  - When loading or saving, make sure the spindles of the datasette are turning.
  - Run the tape back & forth (using fast forward & rewind) to loosen new tape.
  - Be sure that RECORD on the datasette is not depressed when loading a file or program.

These suggestions should help you load and save computer programs with ease. Best of luck with your software!

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